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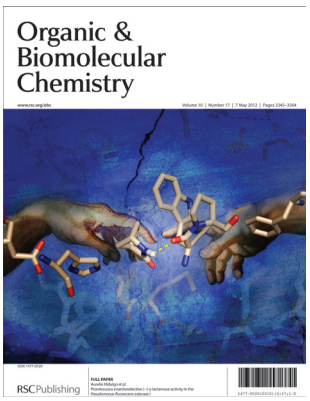

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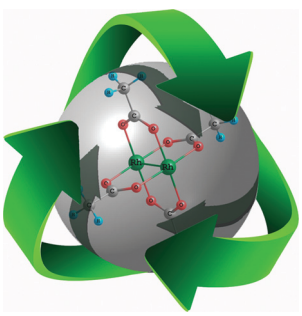

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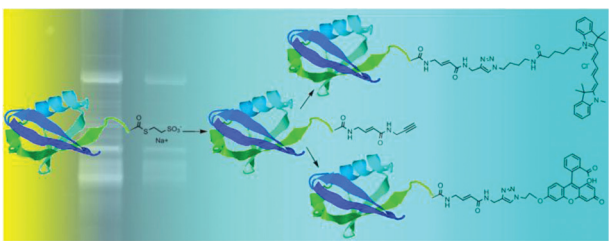

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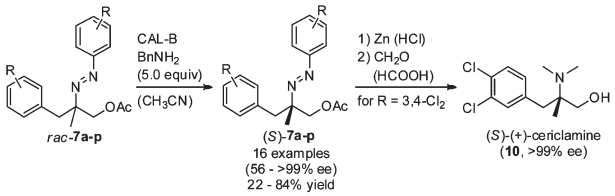
Synthesis of (*S*)-(+)-cericlamine through lipase-catalyzed aminolysis of azo acetates

Agnes Prechter, Harald Gröger and Markus R. Heinrich*

The kinetic enzymatic resolution of azo acetates *via* aminolysis with *Candida antarctica* lipase B has been investigated. The products obtained from this biotransformation can serve as valuable precursors for various amino alcohols, as exemplified by the synthesis of the serotonin reuptake inhibitor (*S*)-(+)-cericlamine.



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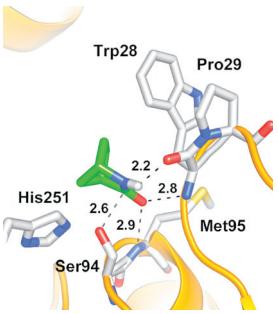
Promiscuous enantioselective (−)-γ-lactamase activity in the *Pseudomonas fluorescens* esterase I

Leticia L. Torres, Anna Schließmann, Marlen Schmidt, Noella Silva-Martin, Juan A. Hermoso, José Berenguer, Uwe T. Bornscheuer and Aurelio Hidalgo*

A promiscuous but very enantioselective (−)-γ-lactamase activity in the kinetic resolution of the Vince lactam (2-azabicyclo[2.2.1] hept-5-en-3-one) was detected in the *Pseudomonas fluorescens* esterase I (PFEI).



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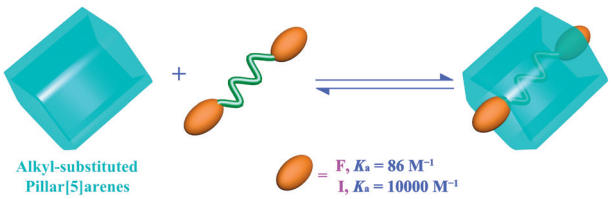
Complexation of neutral 1,4-dihalobutanes with simple pillar[5]arenes that is dominated by dispersion forces

Xiaoyan Shu, Jiazeng Fan, Jian Li, Xiaoyang Wang, Wei Chen, Xueshun Jia* and Chunju Li*

The complexation of neutral 1,4-dihalobutanes with simple pillar [5]arenes was investigated, indicating the formation of interpenetrated complexes, where the dispersive interactions dominate the complex stability.



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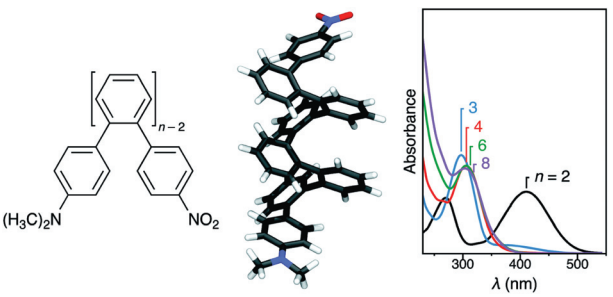
***ortho*-Phenylene oligomers with terminal push–pull substitution**

Jian He, Sanyo M. Mathew, Sarah D. Cornett, Stephan C. Grundy and C. Scott Hartley*

Substituent effects on conformational behavior and electronic spectra have been examined in the first series of push–pull *o*-phenylenes.



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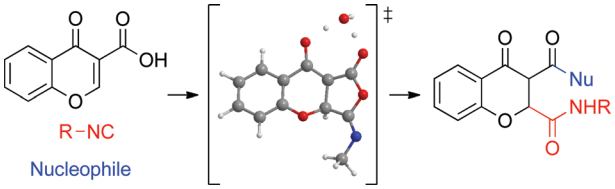

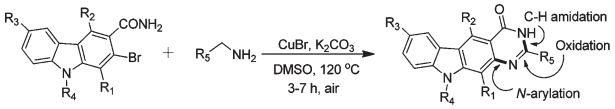

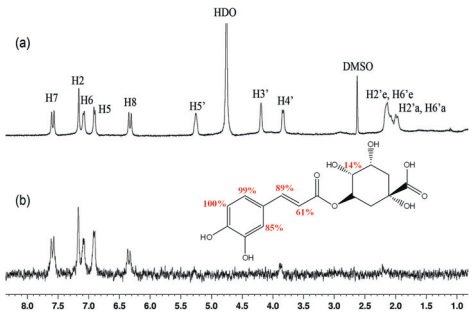

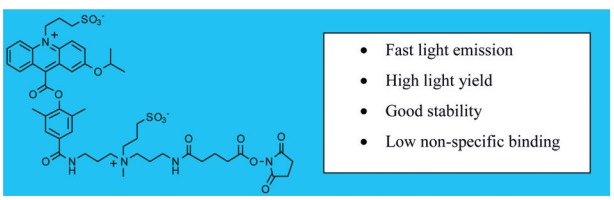

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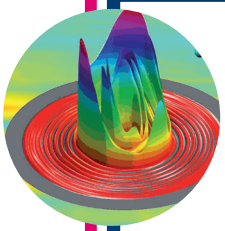

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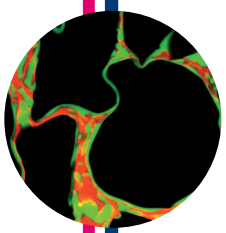

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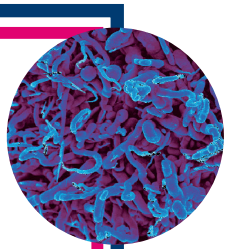

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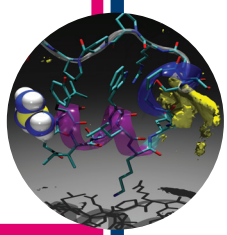

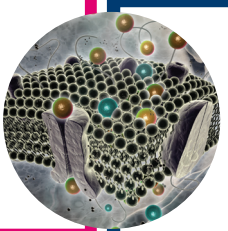

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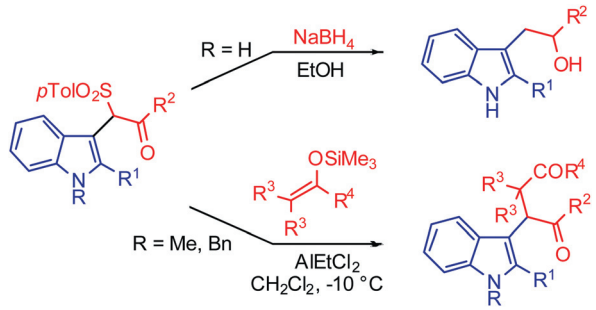
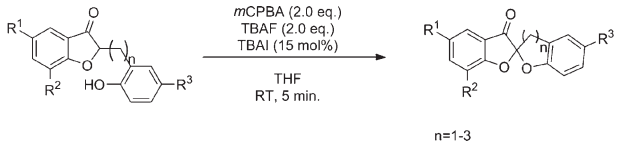


Ketosulfonyl indoles in the regiodefined synthesis of tryptophols and related indole derivatives

Alessandro Palmieri and Marino Petrini*

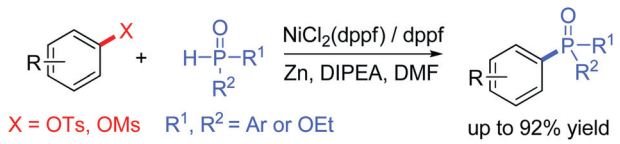
Ketosulfonyl indoles react with $NaBH_4$ leading to tryptophols in a regiocomplementary fashion with respect to the traditional oxirane ring-opening by indoles. Compared to traditional β-ketosulfones, ketosulfonyl indoles show a peculiar behavior since they undergo a Lewis acid promoted elimination of the arylsulfonyl group allowing the preparation of indolyl-substituted 1,4-dicarbonyl derivatives.



New fluoride-promoted hypoiodite-catalytic oxidative cycloetherification to aromatic spiroketals

Wei Wei, Liqi Li, Xiaohong Lin, Haifeng Li, Jijun Xue* and Ying Li*

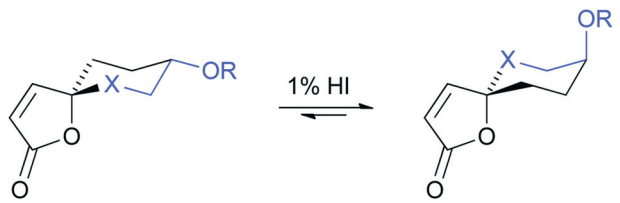
A new catalytic application of hypoiodite reagents generated *in situ* from iodide ions is found, which succeeded in the synthesis of bisbenzannelated spiroketal cores for the first time. Fluoride was proven to be obligatory for this spiroketalization, which is the first fluoride-promoted oxidative cycloetherification to aromatic spiroketals.



Nickel-catalyzed C–P coupling of aryl mesylates and tosylates with $H(O)PR^1R^2$

Chaoren Shen, Guoqiang Yang and Wanbin Zhang*

The first method for the nickel-catalyzed phosphonylation of aryl mesylates and tosylates was developed with moderate to good yields.



Conformational preferences of oxy-substituents in butenolide–tetrahydropyran spiroacetals and butenolide–piperidine spiro-*N*,*O*-acetals

Sébastien Naud, Sarah J. Macnaughton, Bryony S. Dyson, Daniel J. Woollaston, Jonathan W. P. Dallimore and Jeremy Robertson*

3-Oxy-substituents in butenolide spiroacetals (X = O) and spiro-*N*, *O*-acetals (X = NTs) show a modest axial preference in solution.

